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## VETERANS NEWS

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### CALIFORNIA MEXICAN AMERICAN VETERANS MEMORIAL RECEIVES \$20,000 IN DONATIONS

#### Money To Be Used To Beautify and Enhance Memorial

The California Mexican American Veterans' Memorial has received two \$10,000 donations for beautifying and enhancing a state memorial that is rarely recognized or visited by the public at the State Capitol in Sacramento. The Memorial commemorates the contribution of all Latino Veterans and has been described as a "homeless soldier" in need of major repair and enhancement. The donations from the Vanir Group of Companies, Inc. and the California Mexican-American Veterans Memorial, Inc. will be used to return to the citizens of California a historical commemoration first envisioned by mothers who raised funds and constructed a memorial to honor veterans following World War II.

"No public funds can be used to restore the memorial, thus we are grateful to the Vanir Group of Companies, Inc. and the California Mexican American Veterans Memorial, Inc. for their generous support," said Robert J. Ruiz, Chair of the California Mexican American Veterans' Memorial Beautification and Enhancement Committee. "These donations demonstrate the importance of community and private sector support of the goal to appropriately recognize the contributions of Latinos who have served in our Armed Forces since California entered the union in 1850."

"Vanir is honored to be one of the supporters of this memorial honoring Latino veterans who have served our country," said Dorene C. Dominguez, Vanir President.

"We call on all Californians, especially Latino families wishing to honor loved ones who have served or are serving their country, to step forward and make their contribution toward this historical memorial in honor and remembrance of the military service and sacrifice of Latino men and women," stated Pedro Hernandez, President, California Mexican American Veterans Memorial, Inc. "If each family or veteran made a small donation of a few dollars today, we would have the funds needed to properly restore and maintain this memorial for years to come."

H. Frank Dominguez founded the Vanir Group of Companies, Inc. more than 38 years ago in San Bernardino, CA; it is the holding company for a group of privately owned and managed corporations. Vanir Group's subsidiary companies specialize in all aspects of commercial and institutional real estate development and participate in project delivery throughout California and the nation.

The California Mexican-American Veterans Memorial, Inc. is a Sacramento-based nonprofit that honors veterans on Memorial Day and Veterans Day at the state capitol.

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